

**GENDER CODE:**  
*First character = G*

*Second character:*  
1 = Both Genders  
2 = Only Women  
3 = Only Men  
4 = Gender Unknown

*Third character:*  
A = Scientifically acceptable  
U = Scientifically unacceptable

**MINORITY CODE:**  
*First character = M*

*Second character:*  
1 = Minority & Non-minority  
2 = Only Minority  
3 = Only Non-minority  
4 = Minority Representation  
Unknown

*Third character:*  
A = Scientifically acceptable  
U = Scientifically unacceptable

**CHILDREN CODE\*\*:**  
*First character = C*

*Second character:*  
1 = Both children & adults  
2 = Only children  
3 = No children included  
4 = Representation of Children is  
unknown

*Third character:*  
A = Scientifically acceptable  
U = Scientifically unacceptable

**Examples:**

C1A Both children and adults are included; scientifically acceptable

G2A Both genders, scientifically acceptable

M3U Only non-minorities, scientifically unacceptable

\*\* Codes Effective for Applications received after October 1, 1998

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**ADJECTIVAL MERIT DESCRIPTORS**

REMINDER: It is important that initial review groups utilize the full range of priority score ratings. All NIH initial review groups are asked to utilize the following adjectival scale in terms of scores that are assigned:

**1.0 - 1.5    OUTSTANDING**

**1.5 - 2.0    EXCELLENT**

**2.0 - 2.5    VERY GOOD**

**2.5 - 3.5    GOOD**

**3.5 - 5.0    ACCEPTABLE**